

Change of Course Waiver Procedures

It has been the practice of Bristol Township School District to require all students enrolling in Honors or Advanced Placement courses to meet specific criteria including success in prior courses, performance on district, state, and standardized assessments, and teacher recommendation.

Such criteria are useful indicators of a student's potential ability to succeed in the rigorous environment of these challenging courses. They can also, however, limit opportunities for a motivated or ambitious student to stretch and make an attempt to exceed expectations and past performance. While there is a risk of failure involved in any such attempt, there is also great potential reward for the student who rises to the challenge.

The school district encourages students to strive for excellence, and it respects the right of students and parents to make decisions about their student's educational program. As such, if a student does not meet the criteria for recommendation for an Honors or Advanced Placement course, we provide an option for the student and parent to request a waiver for placement in that course.

The following procedure will apply:

1. If a student is not recommended for a course but wants to enroll, he or she must complete a Change of Course Waiver Request. This form must be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian.
2. The Waiver Request form must be submitted to the student's guidance counselor.
3. Student will have access to the course syllabus and textbook in order to be able to make an informed decision to request a waiver. Students will also be made aware of expected work load and other course expectations prior to the request deadline.
4. The student must still meet all course prerequisites.